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QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L MAPUTO 0572

FROM USDEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: NUJOMA'S MAPUTO SPEECH

REF: MAPUTO 0553

1. EARLY SURPRISE OF MAPUTO HAS BEEN SWAPO SPEECH DELIVERED BY NUJOMA, WHO DISCARDED HARSH WRITTEN TEXT TO DELIVER MORE MODERATE VERSION REPORTED REFTEL. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PIECE TOGETHER FOLLOWING EXPLANATIONS FOR THIS REVERSAL.

2. AHTISAARI, UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA, TOLD ASST. SEC. MAYNES THAT WALDHEIM MET PRIVATELY WITH NUJOMA AFTER
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WRITTEN TEXT RELEASED. CONTRARY TO NORMAL PRACTICE, WALDHEIM EXCLUDED AHTISAARI AND HIS STAFF. WALDHEIM LATER TOLD AHTISAARI THAT NUJOMA CONFIRMED TO WALDHEIM HIS SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTION 385 AND FOR FREE ELECTIONS. NUJOMA STATED KEY ELEMENT IN SOLUTION WILL BE REPLACEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS IN NAMIBIA WITH UN PEACE KEEPING FORCE. AHTISAARI SAID HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD

BECOME KEY PROBLEM IN MOVING TOWARD FINAL SETTLEMENT.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH MAYNES, GERMAN DELEGATION REPORTED THAT NUJOMA TOLD SWEDISH UN AMBASSADOR THAT DECISIVE ELEMENT WAS PRESENTATIVE OF CAPE TOWN RESULTS BY WESTERN CONTACT GROUP. AFTER LEARNING OF RESULTS, HE DECIDED TO REVISE HIS SPEECH.

4. TANZANIANS ALSO PLAYED KEY ROLE. SALIM, TANZANIAN UN AMBASSADOR, WAS SEEN IN PROLONGED CONVERSATION WITH NUJOMA NIGHT BEFORE LATTER SPOKE. AHTISAARI INFORMED MAYNES THAT HE RECENTLY VISITED DAR WHERE HE LEARNED THAT NYERERE WAS VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY MCHENRY PRESENTATION OF RESULTS FROM CAPE TOWN. COMMENTED AHTISAARI, "HE SEEMS TO THINK THIS ADMINISTRATION REALLY HAS A DIFFERENT AFRICAN POLICY FROM THE FORMER ONE."
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